



General Assembly

February Session, 2002

Raised Bill No. 5168

LCO No. 1088

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-343 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

3 The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish annually the
4 maximum allowable rate to be paid by said agencies for home health
5 care services, including nursing, therapies and home health aides,
6 homemaker services, chore person services, companion services,
7 respite care, meals on wheels, adult day care services, case
8 management and assessment services, transportation, mental health
9 counseling and elderly foster care, except that the maximum allowable
10 rates in effect July 1, 1990, shall remain in effect during the fiscal years
11 ending June 30, 1992, and June 30, 1993. The Commissioner of Social
12 Services shall prescribe uniform forms on which agencies providing
13 such services shall report their costs for such services. Such rates shall
14 be determined on the basis of a reasonable payment for necessary
15 services rendered. The maximum allowable rates established by the
16 Commissioner of Social Services for the Connecticut home-care
17 program for the elderly established under section 17b-342 shall

18 constitute the rates required under this section until revised in
19 accordance with this section. The Commissioner of Social Services shall
20 establish a fee schedule, to be effective on and after July 1, 1994, for
21 home health care services, including nursing, therapies and home
22 health aides, homemaker services, chore person services, companion
23 services, respite care, meals on wheels, adult day care services, case
24 management and assessment services, transportation, mental health
25 counseling and elderly foster care. The commissioner may annually
26 increase any fee in the fee schedule based on an increase in the cost of
27 services. The commissioner shall increase the fee schedule effective
28 July 1, [2000] 2002, by not less than five per cent, for [adult day care] all
29 home health care services. Nothing contained in this section shall
30 authorize a payment by the state to any agency for such services in
31 excess of the amount charged by such agency for such services to the
32 general public.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2002

Statement of Purpose:

To create reimbursement rates for all home health care services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]